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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please enter the following amendments:

In the Claims:

 $\sqrt{\ }$ In claim 1, after line 14, please insert the following line:

--(vii) transfecting a host cell with the expression vector containing the cDNA; and--.

 $\sqrt{\ }$ In claim 4, line 1, please delete "any of claims 1-3" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

✓ In claim 5, line 1, please delete "any of claims 1-3" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 7, line 1, please delete "any of claims 1-3" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 8, line 1, please delete "any of the preceding claims" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

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